

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-76 are pending in the Application

Claims 1-76 are restricted by the Examiner.

Claims 7-10, 13, 23-25, 32, 37, 47-51, 61-63, 67, 69-71 and 74 have been elected without prejudice and with traverse.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application.

Election of Invention to be Examined

The Examiner requires restriction to one of Group I (Claims 2, 17, 27, 33-35, 41, 56 and 68), Group II (Claims 3, 11, 18, 31, 36, 42, 52, 57, 64 and 72), Group III (Claims 4, 20, 28, 44, 58 and 73), Group IV (Claims 5, 14, 21, 29, 38, 45, 53, 59, 65 and 75), Group V (Claims 6, 15, 22, 30, 39, 46, 54, 60, 66 and 76), Group VI (Claims 8-10, 13, 24-25, 37, 48-51, 62-63, 69-71 and 74), and Group VII (Claims 12, 19 and 43). In response thereto, Applicant provisionally elects, without prejudice and with traverse, Group VI (Claims 8-10, 13, 24-25, 37, 48-51, 62-63, 69-71 and 74), for prosecution on the merits. Additionally, Applicant provisionally elects independent claims correspondent to Group VI, namely Claims 7, 23, 32, 47, 61 and 67, without prejudice and with traverse, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant further reserves the right to prosecute Claims 1-6, 11-12, 14-22, 26-31, 33-36, 38-46, 52-60, 64-66, 68, 72-73 and 75-76 in this or a subsequent application.